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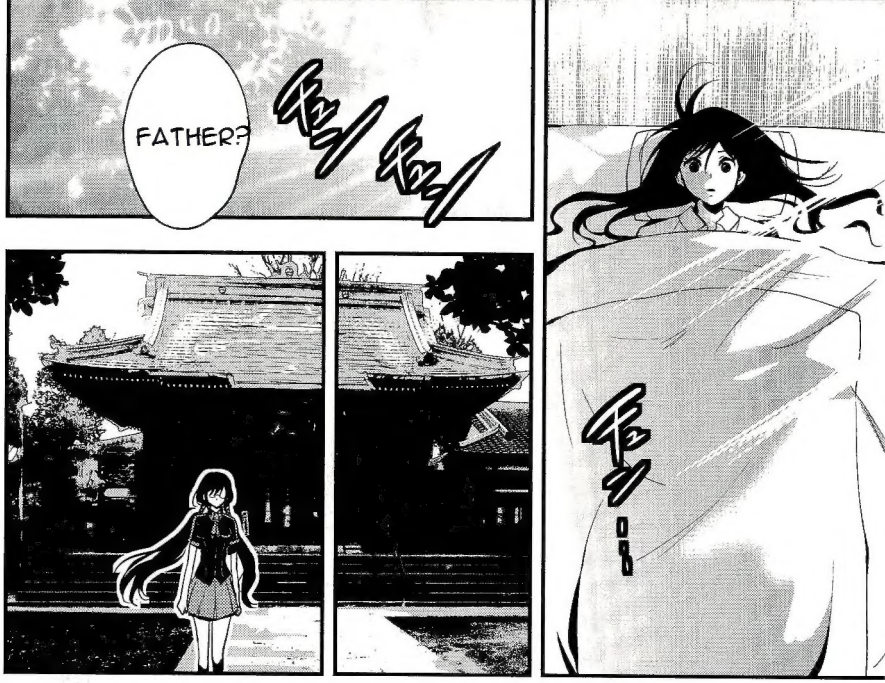
IT IS A REQUEST FROM YOU AFTER ALL.
OK.
A TALK?
BUT
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY TOO.
SAYA-CHAN ALREADY ATE
HUNGER IS NOT ALLOWED

SAYA
I NEED TO START MAKING THE PREPARATIONS~


FATHER?
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TODAY AS WELL~ THE WEATHER IS NICE ♪
I FINISHED MY MORNING DUTIES WITHOUT ACCIDENTS AND I CLEANED THE SHRINE'S FLOORS~ ♪
I COULDN'T MEET MY FATHER'S FACE THOUGH...

I WONDER WHERE MY FATHER WENT...
Closed
MAYBE IT'S SOME KIND OF A WORK...
IN THE MIDDLE OF PREPARATIONS?
OH?

KISARAGI-SAN?
TSUTSUTORI-SENSEI!
"GASP" THE PARROT! D:
I SEE... GUIMAUVE IS CLOSED FOR TODAY...
WHAT A SHAME, I REALLY WANTED A CUP OF BLACK TEA.
BY THE WAY, I HEARD THERE ARE A LOT OF VALUABLE BOOKS IN THE KISARAGI SHRINE.
LIKE THE OLD LITERATURE FOR EXAMPLE

ARE THEY STORED IN SOME SORT OF A SAFE, I WONDER...
I NEED TO ASK MY FATHER FOR THAT...
COULD YOU SHOW THEM TO ME?
YOU SEE, I THOUGHT THAT
... I SEE...
MAYBE OVER THERE...

I'M SORRY
EVEN THOUGH I SHOULDN'T BE HERE
NO.
I'LL ASK MY FATHER FOR PERMISSION.
YOUR FATHER STILL HASN'T RETURNED HOME?
LIES THE KEY TO THESE INCIDENTS.
FATHER... WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?

HERE
LOOK AT THIS.
STRANGE, ISN'T IT?
ACTUALLY, THE SAME THING IS WRITTEN IN EVERY BOOK.
DURING THE GHOST STORY TELLING TIME.
THIS DRAWING
IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE MONSTERS I TOLD YOU ABOUT EARLIER.
THEY DEVOUR HUMANS
ABOUT WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN CALLING "THE OLD ONES"
THIS VILLAGE HAS A LEGEND
IT'S NOT KNOWN WHEN IT ALL STARTED, BUT THE TALES HAVE BEEN TOLD SINCE THE OLD TIMES

WHY
DO THE OLD ONES ..
EH?
LOOK CLOSELY
EVEN CLOSER
DON'T YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ELSE?
THE PAPER.. IS NEW!

WHY?!
EMPTY!
AND THIS ONE...
EMPTY!
!?
HEY, KISARAGI-SAN
THAT'S THE REALITY.
YES. HERE LIE BOOKS THAT HAVE NOTHING WRITTEN ON THEM.

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE THIS FARCE?

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY ARE THERE BOOKS LIKE THAT?
BECAUSE THEY ARE FAKE!
NO WAY
EH?
!
THIS CANNOT BE!

TA-DA!
NONO HERE~
NENE HERE!
SAYA, YOU CAN TELL RIGHT?
WHETHER WE'RE REAL OR NOT

ARE YOU WONDERING WHY WE'RE NOT DEAD?
THE ANSWER IS...
BECAUSE WE NEVER DIED TO BEGIN WITH~
BECAUSE THIS VILLAGE IS LIKE A DRAMA PLAY IN THE STUDIO~
PLAY?
ABSOLUTELY!!

WE TRIED SHAKING THINGS UP FOR SAYA BUT IT WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE
WE THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD MAKE SAYA TO WHAT SHE USED TO BE LIKE
BUT YOU WOULD QUICKLY FORGET EVERY THING AGAIN
PLAY
THUMP
THUMP
FORGET WHAT?
THAT'S WHY I SAID LET'S STOP THIS FARCE
SINCE... SUMMER?
YES! BEING IN THIS GAME SINCE SUMMER!!
HAVING TO BE IN THIS PLAY SINCE SUMMER.
SANBARA ACADEMY
DOESN'T HAVE A WINTER UNIFORM YOU KNOW~
!?
OH? SAYA-CHAN, ARE YOU SURPRISED?

NO WAY...
WE WERE HIRED BY THAT PERSON AND WERE PLAYING THE ROLE OF YOUR FIRENDS~
SAYA-CHAN, YOU...
GOT TO PLAY THE ROLE OF "KISARAGI SAYA"
YOU'RE WRONG I...
I WAS BORN HERE...
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE THE LEADING ACTRESS!

DO YOU EVEN HAVE ANY MEMORIES ASIDE THE ONES FROM THIS SUMMER?
TO ADD UP TO THAT
WHAT WAS YOUR UNIFORM LIKE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?
YOUR CLASS IN THE 1ST YEAR OF HIGHSCHOOL?
YOUR MOTHER'S NAME?
YOU CAN'T REMEMBER THEM RIGHT?
STOP
THE MEMORIES OF YOUR PRECIOUS FATHER

REMEMBERING ANYTHING, THAT PERSON WOULD TRANSPLANT HER MEMORIES USING ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
BECAUSE JUST AS SAYA WOULD START
I GUESS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO REMEMBER THEM
I AM... KISA RAGI...
THE SURNAME "KISARAGI" IS WEIRD TO BEGIN WITH!
KISARAGI SAYA...
THE INSIDE OF YOUR HEAD IS BEING CONSTANTLY REPLACED!
"KISARAGI" MEANS "REPLACING"*
I... I AM...
DO YOU KNOW ITS MEANING?

* IT DOESN'T REALLY MEAN "REPLACING" BUT I THOUGHT THAT'S THE BEST WORD TO FIT THE SITUATION

MAKING IT COMPLE TELY EMPTY~

HEY YOU!
TOKIZANE SHIN'ICHIRŌ!
SAYA

TOKIZANE-SAN
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU.
ARE YOU OK, SAYA?
ARE YOU HURT ANY WHERE?
THANK GOD!
BE CAREFUL.
YOU...
ARE MY PRECIOUS SOURCE OF REVENUE AFTER ALL.

HA? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
YOU SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU TOOK THE TASTIEST ROLE!
HEY YOU GUYS!
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT UNTIL I COME, DIDN'T I!
EH?
DIDN'T YOU ACTUALLY ENJOY ALL OF THIS?
HA? WHO DID?
WITH THIS MONSTER
EVERY ONE WAS FED UP

MON... STER?
YOU THOUGHT I WAS KIND? STOP MISUNDER STANDING!
I'M FINE DOING ANYTHING FOR MONEY. IT'S BECAUSE THE EMPLOYER IS HIM THAT TSUTSUTORI DECIDED TO CHANGE THE PACE OF THINGS
NO ONE WANTS TO STAY IN A PLACE LIKE THIS FOREVER ANYWAYS.
WELL WE WERE TOLD THAT THE MAIN CAST CAN'T BE KILLED, YOU KNOW
JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE'RE PART OF THE MAIN CAST TOO
WE RECEIVED THESE THINGS
THAT PROTECT US FROM THE MONSTERS

REALLY DID DIE.
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND THOUGH. THE EXTRAS THAT DIDN'T GET THE ROLE OF THE MAIN CAST...
LET'S DO AN EXPERIMENT, SAYA.
NO WAY...
FOR THE SAKE OF THIS STUPID EXPERIMENT
EH?
SAYA
DID YOU BRING THAT?
YEAH
NO WAY...

NO~
AH!
IS THIS THE BLOOD OF THOSE MONSTERS?
WITH THIS, SAYA WILL GO BACK TO WHAT SHE USED TO BE LIKE, RIGHT?
WITH THIS...
GOOD JOB ON COLLECTING THIS
HYAA~
I COULD NEVER DO THIS!
AH
I TOOK IT SECRETLY WHEN THE MONSTER DIED.
I WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY
!?

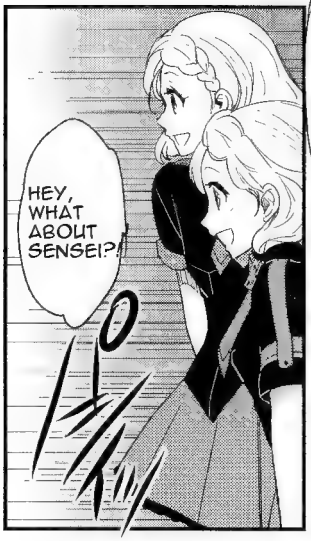
HOW ABOUT I FEED YOU THIS BLOOD MOUTH-TO-MOUTH?
YOU GUYS! STOP PLAYING AROUND AND MAKE SURE TO CUT EVERYTHING FROM CAMERAS INSTEAD!
SHEESH!
NO!

STOP!
HELP ME!

HELP ME...
FATHER!
WOAH
SO SAYA-CHAN REALLY DOES TURN LIKE THAT WHEN SHE DRINKS THEIR BLOOD
IT WAS LIKE THAT THE TIME I GOT ATTACKED TOO
AT THAT TIME

THAT WAS DISGUSTING!
SHE STARTED LICKING ITS BLOOD!
JUST AFTER SHE DEFEATED THAT THING
BUT...
HER EYES BECOME REALLY PRETTY

IT'S SO THAT BLOOD WOULDN'T STAND OUT
IN CASE SOME GETS ON
MAKES SENSE!
OOH!
BUT EVEN IF THIS IS A COUNTRYSIDE AREN'T THEY TOO DARK?
I GUESS SO
THE SCHOOL UNIFORM WAS CUTE
WELL BUT
WE'LL FINALLY BECOME FREE FROM THIS TIRING LIFESTYLE!
IS THAT SO?' I RATHER ENJOYED IT.
WHEN SAYA-CHAN FIGHTS THESE MONSTERS IT BECOMES A SEA OF BLOOD!
SO
FOR ME IT'S THE MONEY BUT WHAT KIND OF COMPENS ATION WILL YOU GUYS GET?
YES YES! WE'LL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO FIND A JOB EASILY!
...IS WHAT WE'D LIKE TO SAY BUT...


HEY, WHAT ABOUT SENSEI?!

SO THAT PERSON PROMISED TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE THAT THING NEVER HAPPENED!
WE DID SOME STUFF
AND IF WORD GOES OUT, FINDING A JOB, OR ACTUALLY OUR WHOLE LIFE WOULD BE SCREWED...

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN SOME CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES?

THE "RED WATCHERS" WILL FIND US!
IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP SOON...

WAI... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
STILL
SHE'S STILL NOT WAKING UP?!

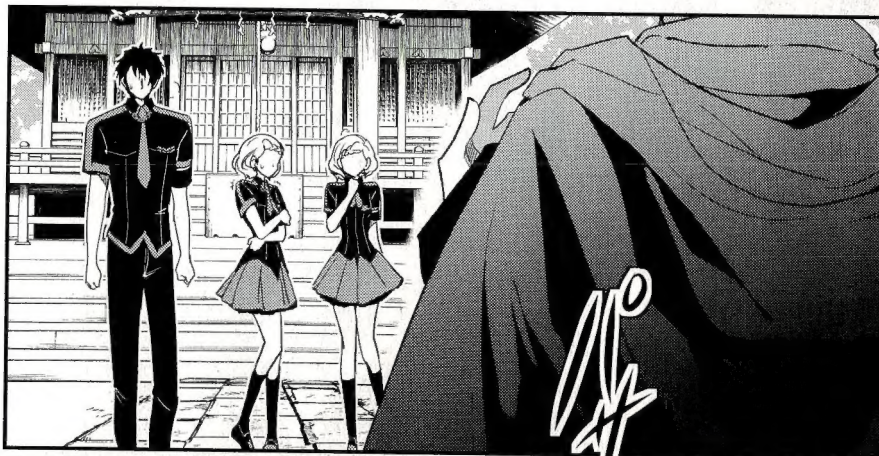
I CAME HERE TO RESEARCH THE ANCIENT TIMES AS WELL AS THE "RED WATCHERS"
"RED WATCH ERS"?
AND HAD AN "AGREEMENT" WITH THEM!
PEOPLE WHO SAID IT WAS OK FOR MONSTERS TO EAT HUMANS
THE GEEZERS AT THE SCIENCE CONFERENCE SAID THAT A TOWN OF SUCH PEOPLE DOES NOT EXIST BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE!
THEY EXIST SOME WHERE IN THIS TOWN!
RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEIR EYES...
THE ME THAT CAME HERE FOR RESEARCH AND SURVIVED WILL BE THE LIVING PROOF!
UGH
HEY... SENSEI!

I'M SURE THEY WILL START LOOKING FOR YOU
SO HURRY UP AND GET YOUR POWERS BACK!
I WANT TO PRESENT THE "RED WATCHERS" AT THE SCIENCE CONFERENCE !!
GET YOUR POWERS BACK!!!

KYAA!
WAI...
WHAT?
NO ONE INFORMED ME A THING LIKE THAT WOULD APPEAR!

Y...

YOU ARE...!!



THANK YOU FOR READING CHAPTER 11 OF BLOOD-C! IT WAS PREPARED FOR YOU AGAIN BY TSUKI.

YOU ARE PROBABLY WONDERING WTF ARE THE "RED WATCHERS". WELL... I MADE THAT PHRASE UP! THE ORIGINAL WORD WAS 朱食免 BUT THIS COMBINATION OF KANJI DOES NOT FORM AN ACTUAL MEANINGFUL WORD. IF YOU LOOK AT THE WORD KANJI BY KANJI, IT WOULD BE "RED", "EAT/FOOD" AND "EXCUSE/DISMISSAL". SO AS TSUTSUTORI KINDA EXPLAINED THEY ARE "PEOPLE WHO FIND IT EXCUSABLE TO LET MONSTERS EAT HUMANS AND ALSO HAPPEN TO WEAR RED". MAKING IT THE "RED EAT EXCUSE" PEOPLE! SO I JUST WENT WITH "RED WATCHERS" INSTEAD. JUST BECAUSE. WELL I DON'T THINK THEY'LL APPEAR IN OTHER CHAPTERS SO LET'S JUST GO WITH THIS AND FORGET ABOUT THEM!

ALSO TBH I FIND TSUTSUTORI'S ACTIONS CONFUSING. FIRST SHE FREAKS OUT THE RED WATHERS ARE COMING, THEN SHE WANTS TO FIND THEM AND SHOW THEM TO THE WORLD. MAYBE I'M JUST MISUNDERSTANDING SOMETHING...

ANYWAYS, SEE YOU IN THE NEXT CHAPTER!